

**The Meteor—Again.**  
Mr. H. A. Newton, Professor of Mathematics in Yale University, who is perhaps as well qualified as any other man in the United States to enlighten the public upon such subjects, has written to this city a private letter, from which he has kindly permitted us to make the following extract, referring to the meteor recently seen in Virginia and North Carolina. It is highly interesting as well as instructive.

YALE COLLEGE, December 6, 1877.  
Dear Brother Robert: I am very much obliged to you for the account of the meteor of November 30th, and for the several extracts about it from the Dispatch. I wish I could myself have been with you to have seen so splendid a sight. The letter of Professor Campbell, of Washington, and Lee University, gives a very good statement of the path of the meteor, through the air, as it passed over the central part of Pennsylvania county—say fifteen miles north of Danville at a height of about seventy miles from the ground, and passed in a few minutes to a point a little south of east of Danville twenty-five miles distant and ten miles high—the several accounts will pretty well satisfy. I cannot reconcile the statement, strictly taken, that it fell perpendicularly at Richmond, that it moved over the city, that it passed over the city, that it fell a little southward as well as down, somewhat as if from the center of the watch-dial to the seven-hour figure. If not, the Bristol and other reports are decidedly in error.

The body would probably have been visible as high as eighty or ninety miles, but not much, if any, higher. It was undoubtedly a solid mass of stone of unknown size, but which may be thought of as weighing some hundreds of pounds. By its rapid motion it condensed the air before it, and so developed in the air heat, which was so developed in the stone on the front of the mass. As fast as melted the material was rubbed off by the air, and after helping to form the flame, was left behind along the track to make the enduring cloud-streak. The stone itself being firm enough to resist the condensation, could not be broken, quite possibly, one or two hundred degrees below zero in its interior. Of course, in such a fire, parts kept cracking off, and finally the whole broke up into small fragments with the terrific explosion heard at Danville, Clarksville, Halifax, &c. Some of these pieces, if they should be found in solid form, though that is not certain, if in the vicinity I should take time to search for such fragments through the country not more than five or ten miles from Harmony, in Halifax county. The stones, if found, would be very thin black, not more than 1-50 inch in thickness, of material that was once melted, and will perhaps show marks of the flow of melted matter over the surface. Without breaking the stone the interior structure can be seen, since the fine fractures will be pretty sure to follow it. They should not be broken, but carefully preserved for examination and comparison with other meteoric stones. They are to be regarded as, in all probability, pieces of some comet that has been broken up in ages past, and as revealing to us by their peculiar structure and material some glimpses of the celestial history of the world, which would like to know more about. Of course we should be glad to get for our college collection, and for study specimens of all these bodies.

The cloud that remained was borne away by the currents of the upper air. No one of the accounts which I have seen gives the direction of the wind at the time of the meteor, always worth noting, as this is the only way we have of observing directly which way the wind blows at heights of twenty-five to fifty miles above the earth's surface.

**BUSINESS CHANCES.**

**HARDWARE AT COST.**  
I have on hand a good assortment of HARDWARE, but slightly touched by water, and which are sold at a price never recovered from the auction sale, which I will sell at cost.

Great bargains can be had by calling at once.  
de 13-20

**FOR SALE.**

**THE VALUABLE PROPERTY KNOWN AS THE SALISBURY IRON MANUFACTURING COMPANY, OF VIRGINIA.**

SITUATED IN THE COUNTY OF BOTETOURT, fourteen miles south of the town of Fincastle, on the Catawba river, one quarter of a mile from the James river and twelve miles from Clifton Forge, on the Chesapeake and Ohio Railroad.

The railroad from the town of Buchanan to Clifton Forge runs through this property. The company owns 2,828 ACRES OF LAND, on which is erected a FURNACE.

In blast, making car-wheel charcoal-iron. The ore is of a superior quality, and the furnace, at present, has several hundred tons of the same, and stores about twenty-five hundred tons, harness, &c.

The furnace, with the exception of the last two years, has been in blast six years. The property is owned by the undersigned and the estate of the late Jacob Davis.

On the 1st day of January, 1878, during his life he was the sole active manager. His death renders it necessary that the estate should be sold.

It will be sold at a price commensurate with the present state of the iron trade, and on easy terms as to payment. Apply to  
EUGENE KELLY,  
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**METALS, &c.**

**N. & G. TAYLOR CO.**

ESTABLISHED IN 1810.

TIN PLATE.

We have in stock and now arriving by direct steamers from Liverpool over 5,000 boxes of all grades and thicknesses.

Importers and dealers in IRON, METALS, and all kinds of hardware, and in general supplies for the trade. Your correspondence solicited. Offices: Branches, New York and Philadelphia, and New and York, PHILADELPHIA.

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**FURNITURE.**

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Extraordinary inducements offered to all in want of good FURNITURE.

**FURNITURE, MATTRESSES, BEDDING, &c.**—Call on J. D. GATEWOOD, 505 East Broad Street. I cannot but have a large stock of all classes from the finest to the cheapest. For Parlor, Chamber, and Dining-Room, and for the whole family, you cannot buy the same class of goods at the same price elsewhere.

de 11-30

**DYEING, CLEANING, &c.**

**LINEMAN & CO., STEAM DYEING**

**WANTED.**

**WANTED, an accomplished FEMALE DRESS-MAKING SERVANT.** References required. Apply at 1212 West Main Street. de 13-16

**WANTED, A PERSON TO INSTRUCT**

**A YOUNG MAN IN THE EVENING IN ORATORY SCHOOL.** Apply at 1212 West Main Street. de 13-16

**WANTED, CORN.**—We are purchasing

**WANTED, AT ONCE, A No. 1 COOK,**

**WANTED, A WOMAN AND A GIRL.**

**WANTED, MY FRIENDS AND THE PUBLIC**

**WANTED, TO PURCHASE A SMALL**

**WANTED, AGENTS IN VIRGINIA**

**WANTED, TO INFORM THE PUBLIC**

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**DRY GOODS.**

**DOWN THEY CAME—ANOTHER**

**CARDOZO, FOURQUEAN & CO.**

**ARE RECEIVING**

**LARGE ADDITIONS THIS WEEK TO THEIR**

**GO TO CARDOZO, FOURQUEAN &**

**BUY SOMETHING THAT**

**WILL BE USEFUL FOR YOUR**

**CHRISTMAS PRESENTS.**

**HANDKERCHIEFS, GLOVES,**

**SCARFS, LACES, HOSE, CRAVATS,**

**BOXES, COLLARS, SEALSKIN CLOAKS, &c.**

**CARDOZO, FOURQUEAN & CO.'S**

**DRESS-GOODS STOCK**

**has been largely added to with the latest styles.**

**THEIR SILK DEPARTMENT**

**has also been replenished with the newest**

**shades of the season.**

**BLACK GOODS A SPECIALTY AT**

**STILL GREATER REDUCTION.**

**DRESS GOODS AT 20c, reduced from 50c;**

**DRESS GOODS AT 25c, reduced from 50c.**

**DRESS GOODS IN ALL STYLES AND QUALI-**

**TIES AT HALF THEIR VALUE.**

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**CLOTHING.**

**RICHARD A. SAUNDERS**

**desires to ask his old friends and customers who**

**are in want of**

**NICE, GENTLE CLOTHING**

**to call and see him before buying elsewhere. I can**

**be found at my old home with the OLD-ESTABLISHED**

**HOUSE OF WM. R. SMITH,**

**de 13-30**

**REMOVAL! REMOVAL!**

**OF JULIUS KRAKER'S**

**CLOTHING-HOUSE**

**TO HIS OLD STAND, NO. 1517 MAIN STREET.**

**Having moved back to my old stand I cordially**

**invite my friends and the public to my old place**

**business, where they will find a complete, fresh, and**

**well-selected stock of**

**READY-MADE CLOTHING,**

**GENTLEMEN'S FURNISHING GOODS, &c.,**

**which will be sold at prime cost.**

**JULIUS KRAKER, 1517 Main Street,**

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**OVERCOATS AT LOW PRICES.**

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**AUCTION SALES—This Day.**

**By E. B. Cook, Auctioneer,**

**20 Governor street.**

**LARGE ASSORTMENT OF HOUSE-**

**OLD FURNITURE, ORGAN, FRENCH-**

**PLATE MIRROR, &c. AT AUCTION—THIS**

**DAY AT 10 O'CLOCK I will sell at my auction-rooms**

**a large assortment of FRENCH HOUSEHOLD**

**FURNITURE, embracing almost every article used**

**by families.**

**ALSO,**

**ONE MASON & HAMLIN PARLOR-ORGAN (five**

**stops), one CHARTER NEEDHAM & CO. MELO-**

**DEON, one FINE CHLORIDE MIRROR—seven and a**

**half feet; one PARLOR SET, complete, seven pieces (new);**

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